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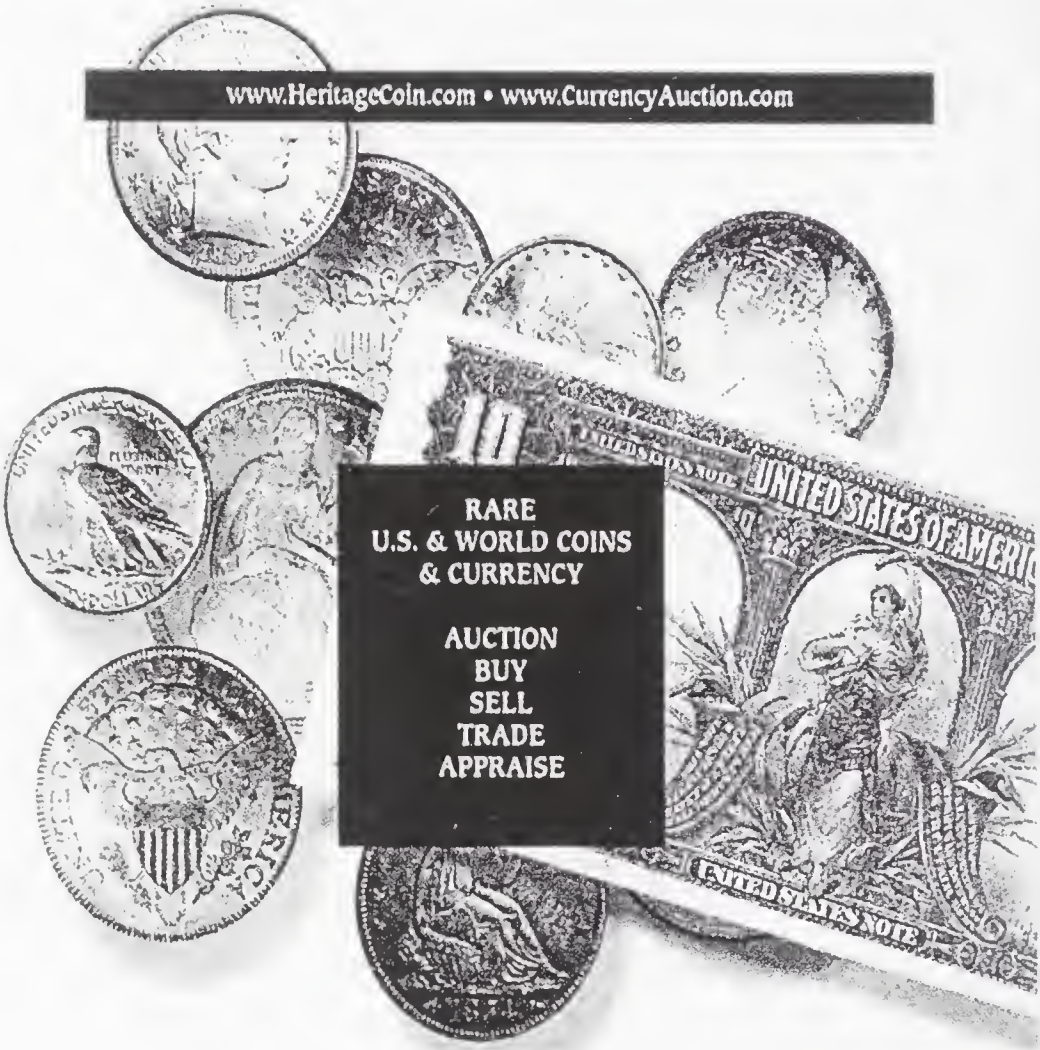

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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jerry Williams

The first of the year, I was in Florida attending the Fun Show, which is a really big show. So much to see and do at that show. While I was there, I got on this kick of three dollar bills. This friend of mine ask what a three dollar bill was as he had not ever hear of them.

I told him about thirty four states had printed these notes and I want to collect one bill from each state, so we started out looking for the notes. I picked up twenty two three dollar bills in four days at the show. I told him that five states, out of thirty four had printed only one issued of the three dollar bills. Some states printed seventeen to twenty two difference bills issued over the years. These notes are called Obsolete bills and they circulated from 1803 to 1859. I ask if he had heard of Confederate bills and he said he had. I told him that the Confederate bills came out in 1861 and the Obsolete and the confederate bills were in circulation at the same time. So, I think I started a new currency collector. I told him, to buy the books before he started buying the bills.

May will be here before you know it and I am looking forward to attending our TNA Convention and State Show May 9, 10, and 11 in Fort Worth. I will also be looking for the three dollar bills there. Our TNA Show will be a good one. Also. Barbara has the educational programs again and she has some good ones lined up. One of our speakers will be John Wilson, President of ANA along with his wife Nancy Wilson. Their program will be on the three dollar bills. How lucky can I be, just right down my alley.

Helen Snider will again head up our book auction on Saturday, May 10. If you have any books that you would like to donate to the auction, Please bring them to the show or give them to the Governor in your district. Russell Prinzinger will again have the youth auction. He has done such a great job in the past. He still could use some more lots. Paul Garner will be running the exhibits. Make sure you take time to check the exhibits out as there is usually some outstanding ones. Gary Hill and Mike Grant will be running the bourse and keeping the dealers in line. James Harding will be over seeing the whole show for TNA. Frank and Karla Galindo will be selling our new TNA Medals at the show. Frank is the designer of this medal. He has been doing this for TNA for a number of years. We are looking forward to a really good show. All of our TNA Governors will be wearing their red vest. They will be there to help our members and visitors at the show.

I would like to invite everyone to come and be with us at our Big TNA show in Fort Worth on May 9, 10, and 11 of 2003. Ya'll come! At the time of writing this message, we are just two months from our TNA State Show. Till next time, Your President, Jerry Williams .

A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin, NLG

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

See you in Ft. Worth

As you read this we will be in some of the most uncertain times we have faced in our lives. Impending, ongoing or concluding war looms and the economical and other side effects will have a great impact on our daily lives. During this time, let's not forget our military personnel who are literally risking all in order to carry on the freedom that so many have died for in the past. Also, take this time to personally reflect on yourself and your family. Be thankful for what you have as we see it can all be taken away in a very short moment's notice. I know that during these trying times, it is difficult and sometimes almost disrespectful to talk of hobbies. But, our hobbies are our release mechanism without which we could not function to our fullest. As we see in our day-to-day lives, life will indeed go on and we have to keep going forward as well. A little reflection and introspection are fine, but we must continue on. To that end, I hope you will all be able to join us in Ft. Worth for the TNA show in May. It again will be at the Will Rogers complex and is truly shaping up to be a great event. If you can, not only attend, but take part in other ways as well. Place an exhibit, attend (or present) one of the educational seminars, watch (or donate to) the youth auction, etc. Besides being a venue to buy and sell our coins and collectibles, use this show to make new friends, renew old acquaintances and learn more about our hobby. If you are interested in helping, I am sure that Mike and Gary will be more than happy to put your talents and skills to work. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

If you would like to submit something, please see the deadlines below:

May/June Issue	May 13, 2003
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SECRETARY'S NOTES

By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN

Welcome to new members R-6463 – R-6467. No objections were received and these applicants became members on March 1st.

The following have applied for membership. If no objections are received from the membership, they will become members on May 1, 2003.

R-6468 – D-01 Ron Bosau, 4601 Shiloh Road, Lot 29, Flower Mound TX 75022, none stated, Secretary's Office

R-6469 – D-04 Bill Gillespie, 11610 Sherwood Forest, Austin TX 78759, U.S. Coins, Brian E. Owens

A-6470 – D-09 Gayle Mills, P.O. Box 788, Littlefield TX 78339, U.S. Coins, Lamonte Pitzer

J-6471 – D-05 Dylan Stoval, 1541 Cool Springs, Mesquite TX 75181, none stated, Gary Hill

R-6472 – D-05 Winthrop Carner, P.O. Box 670789, Dallas TX 75367-0789, none stated, dba: Winthrop Carner Rare Coins, Mike Grant

R-6473 – D-01 John C. Post, 5609 Atlantis Terrace, Arlington TX 76016, Mercury dimes and Indian head cents, Gary Hill

R-6474 – D-17 Georgia M. Hofen, 120 Crockett Lane, Hewitt TX 76643, silver dollars, Paul E. Garner

R-6475 – D-17 David Bond, 216 S. 3rd, Hewitt TX 76643, U.S. & Mexico coinage, Paul E. Garner

R-6476 – D-10 John Grost, 619 E. Crosby, El Paso TX 79902, (formerly member R-4755 and R-6083), Philippine leprosy coins, El Paso, turtle and New Mexico medals, Pat Curran

R-6477 – D-01 Larry I. Dibler, 2805 Downing, Bedford TX 76021, undefined, Garry Hill

R-6478 – D-01 Ken George, 319 Bloomfield Drive, Keller TX 76248, none stated, Gary Hill

R-6479 – D-01 Jack E. Kelly, 1093 Subset Court, Keller TX 76248, none stated, Gary Hill

R-6480 – D-01 Michael L. Hensley, 3748 Ashford Drive, Bedford TX 76021, none stated, Gary Hill

R-6482 - D-07 Robert G. Eldridge, 5207 Sagerock Pass, San Antonio TX 78247, dba Robert's Coins, U.S. coins and gold, Barbara Williams

R-6483 - D-12 Jerald Rippon, 3034 East Denman Ave., Lufkin TX 75901, dba Coins & Collectibles, none stated, Barbara Williams

R-6481 – D-01 Richard Wallace, 3403 Pembroke Pkwy S., Colleyville TX 76034, Jefferson nickels, Gary Hill

C-0224 – D-01 Northeast Tarrant Coin Club, 3403 Pembroke Pkwy S., Colleyville TX 76034, (Richard Wallace, President), Gary Hill

LM-191 – D-22 Richard Self, 855 Pierremont Rd, Ste 123, Shreveport LA 71106, dba: American Coins & Collectibles, Inc. (Converting from R-5835), Secretary's Office

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Joseph Tranchita, R-6256, 208 S. Commercial, Branson MO 65616

RESIGNATIONS

Arthur L. Larkin, R-4457, Beaumont TX, resigned 09 Jan 03, no reason
Norma C. Mather, R-1033, Weslaco TX , resigned 10 Jan 03, due to loss of interest and failing eyesight
Tanya Pitzer, J-5974, Levelland TX, resigned 27 Jan 03, loss of interest
Paul J. Puckett, R-6397, Spokane WA, resigned 21, Jan 03, due to distance and other circumstances

DUES

2003 dues will be delinquent after 31 March 2003

Since the dues-paying period was over 90 days in length and notices were sent to each member and have previously appeared in the *TNA NEWS,* no additional reminders or notices will be provided

If your dues are not paid on or before March 31st, your name will be removed from the database and you will no longer receive the *TNA NEWS*

If you have not paid your dues for 2003, you will find the word **DUES** in red on the first line of the label on your March/April *TNA NEWS*. If you do not pay by March 31st, you will be removed from the database without further notice!

Bourse tables for the annual coin show can only be operated by current TNA members whose dues are current in the Secretary's records

Regular & Chapter $17, Junior $8 and Associate $6

ELECTIONS

Some delay encountered in receiving and confirming nominations and in receiving vitae or biographical information on candidates and cut-off dates for publication precluded publication in the last issue. The following abbreviated bio sketches of our candidates are for your consideration:

President – Joe Olson, LM-175, Waco

Joe Olson is a former president of TNA (1993 – 1996), Treasurer, Governor and is the current Legal Advisor of TNA. He is currently a practicing attorney and Certified Public Accountant. He has been a member of TNA for over 15 years. He was a recipient of the TNA Lewis Reagan Memorial Award in 1988 and has been inducted into the TNA Hall of Fame.

1st Vice President – Michael Greenspan, LM-158, Houston

Mike is a former Vice President of TNA and is a retired federal executive from the Internal Revenue Service. Prior to his IRS career, he was a well-decorated combat fighter pilot in the USAF with over 160 combat missions in Vietnam. He has served as squadron commander and Deputy Base Commander of a major military installation and has served as editor of technical journals and Director of Plans and Programs for the USAF Inspector General. Between Air Force and IRS careers, he held management positions in two major computer firms. He was a recipient of the TNA Lewis Reagan Memorial Award in 1987 and is a certified ANA exhibit judge.

2nd Vice President – Ginger M. Pike, R-5286, Plano

Ginger has served as the TNA Convention Coordinator for the past two (2) years and produces four (4) TEXAS COIN SHOWS annually at the Grapevine Convention Center with her husband, David. She is a graduate of Southeast Missouri University and a former president of the American Business Women's Organization. She is a member of numerous numismatic organizations and societies.

SECRETARY (two candidates)
Harrell H. "Hal" Cherry, R-5709,

Currently Governor of District 5. Age not specified, but collector since 1950 (52 yrs). Business graduate of UT, retired after 39 years in the insurance industry (30 years of which were in management positions; author of journal length articles, book reviews; and, is current Journal Editor, board member and former president of *Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association* Currently Secretary and Newsletter Editor of Dallas Coin Club newsletter. Member of Dallas and Northeast Tarrant County Coin Clubs, EAC, PMCS, Fractional Currency Collectors Board and other organizations.

Paul E. Garner, LM-139, Waco

Currently Governor of District 16/17. Born 1937, married 4 children, 3 grandchildren, USAF (ret) from 1954-75, Defense Logistic Agency (DLA), [civil service], 1989-2001, coin dealer since 1964 and collector since age 6. Life Member of ONA, LNA, MS, AR, KS, AL & GA Numismatic Association and CSNS. Author of *Silver Coins of the World since 1900* and numerous articles on numismatics.

Treasurer – Debbie Williams, R-5847, Roanoke

Debbie holds an Associate Degree in Business Management and is currently employed by the Carroll Independent School District. She recently received a Diplomate of Numismatic Degree from ANA's School of Numismatics in 2000. She is an active member of ANA, CONECA, WIN, the Society for Commemorative Coins and the Mid-Cities, Fort Worth and Dallas Coin Clubs. She is a current District Delegate for TNA. Debbie started to collect coins in the 1980's while employed as a bank teller.

Governors:

NOTE: Chapters in Districts 3, 4 and 12 did not nominate anyone as candidate for governor of their Districts. There is no provision for write-in candidates for District Governor.

DIST. 1--J. Russell Prinzinger, R-5869, Ft Worth

Nominated by Fort Worth Coin Club, Inc. Currently is the Governor of District 1. Member of the TNA Board of Directors, directs the annual TNA Youth Auction, founder of Northeast Tarrant County Coin Club and editor of the club newsletter.

DIST. 5-Harrell "Hal" Cherry, R-5709, Richardson

Nominated by the Dallas Coin Club. Currently is the Governor of District 5. See vitae and personal information above.

DIST. 6--Jim Bevill, R-6466, Houston

Nominated by Bellaire Coin Club. Joined TNA in Sep 1997. Past President Bellaire Coin Club (6 yrs.), member of ANA. Graduate of ANA seminars on U.S. "Type Coins" and "Grading U.S. Coins". Host for Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop. Holds BS in Finance (Magna Cum Laude) from Univ. of Houston. First VP for Investments and Sr. Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch for past 19-years.

DIST. 7--Frank Galindo, LM-162, San Antonio

Nominated by the Gateway Coin Club. Currently is Governor of District 7 and TNA Medals Officer. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the position a number of terms and is well qualified.

DIST. 8--David A. Burke, LM-167, Corpus Christi

Nominated by the Corpus Christi Coin Club. Currently is the Governor of District 8. TNA Webmaster and also member of the TNA Board of Governors. Member of TNA Hall of Fame. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the position for a number of terms and is well qualified.

DIST. 9--Gober Pitzer, R-2498, Levelland

Nominated by the Lamb County Coin Club. No vitae submitted. Married with children. Employed by Texas Tech University, member of Lamb County Coin Club, South Plains Coin Club and others. Father is E. Lamonte Pitzer who served many, many terms as Governor of District 9.

DIST. 10--Pat Curran, R-6022, Mesilla NM.

Nominated by the International Coin Club of El Paso. Joined TNA in Mar 1997. No vitae or bio submitted, but candidate is incumbent governor of the District.

DIST. 11--Doug Hershey, R-6269, Amarillo

Nominated by Golden Spread Coin Club. Joined TNA in 2001. No vitae or bio submitted, but candidate is the incumbent governor of the District.

DIST. 13--Raymond E. Whyborn, R-1681, Seymour

Nominated by the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club. Currently is Secretary of TNA, former Governor of District 13 (4 terms) and District 7 (6 terms). Member of TNA for over 36 years and recipient of every major TNA award including induction into the TNA Hall of Fame, author of numerous published numismatic and philatelic articles; recipient of Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary Award and TPA's Forcheimer Philatelic Literature Award; researcher, cataloger and speaker on numismatic and philatelic subjects; Life Member of Alamo Coin Club; and, active member of Greenbelt and South Plains Coin Clubs and Secretary of the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club.

DIST. 14--Helen Snider, R-3978, McAllen

Nominated by the Hidalgo Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 14. Member of the TNA Board of Directors. Member of TNA Hall of Fame. Vitae was not received by press time, but nominee has held the office for a number of terms and is well qualified.

DIST. 15--Barbara Williams, R-5596, Silsbee

Nominated by Silsbee Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 15. Member of the TNA Board of Director's. No vitae submitted, but nominee has held the office for a number of terms and is well qualified.

DIST. 16/17--Paul E. Garner, LM-139, Waco

Nominated by the Waco Coin Club. Currently Governor of District 16/17. See vitae and personal information above.

BALLOTS - VOTING

Ballots were mailed to all members of record in March

ALL members may vote for your choice for the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer or may write in a candidate's name, if they will agree to accept the nomination and will serve if elected.

Only members residing in the state of Texas may vote for a Governor and you may vote ONLY for the governor representing YOUR District! Your District number is a 2-digit number between 01 and 17 and can be found on the membership card that came with your annual dues notice in January. It can also be found on the top line of the mailing label accompanying this copy of the *TNA NEWS*

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TREASURER'S REPORT
by: GERRY KAMMER

Balance Sheet--As of February 28, 2003

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	51,925.90
First Texas Bank (FTB)	
Youth Activities Fund	-15.77
Memorial Library Fund	707.58
ANA Junior Seminar Fund	1,000.00
Coin's for A's	2,008.37
First Texas Bank (FTB)-other	23,453.72
Total First Texas Bank (FTB)	27,153.90
Total Checking/Savings	79,079.80
Accounts Receivable	
Lost Mail Deposit	51.00
Total Accounts Receivable	51.00
Other Current Assets	
CD--Clear Lake National Bank	50,000.00
CD—Life Memberships-CLNB	30,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	80,000.00
Total Current Assets	159,130.80
Total Assets	**159,130.80**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	134,923.87
Net Income	23,206.93
Total Equity	159,130.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU1TY	**159,130.80**

TNA MEDAL

The 2003 TNA medal honoring Anson Jones was designed by TNA medals officer Frank Galindo of San Antonio, Texas.

The obverse of the 2003 TNA medal features Anson Jones, the last President of the Republic of Texas. He was born in great Barrington, Massachusetts on January 20, 1798 and died in Houston, Texas on January 9, 1858. As a licensed physician, he came to Texas in October 1833, and practiced medicine in Brazoria. When the war with Mexico began, he was a strong supporter in the struggle for Texas independence. He enlisted in Robert J. Calder's company and served as surgeon. During the ten years of the Republic of Texas, Anson Jones served in various offices, including Apothecary General of the Texas Army, Minister to the United States, Texas Senator and Secretary of State. His final position was that of President of the Republic of Texas, the last of four men to serve in that capacity. Anson, Texas and Jones County, Texas were named in his honor. Anson Jones was recognized as the "Architect of Annexation" and presided over the annexation ceremonies in 1846 when Texas became the thirty-fifth state in the Union. The Texas Numismatic Association log is depicted on the reverse.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AUCTION!

Last May, the TNA conducted a free youth auction to interest young people in our hobby. About 300 people attended including 90 children who registered as bidders. Competition was spirited among the bidders for the 200 numismatic items on display.

Every child in attendance received one or more coins in the auction and were eligible for more awards through participation in the mini-seminars, bonus prizes and door prizes. The big eyes and broad smiles on the kids were evidence of their satisfaction.

We are scheduled to repeat this program at the May 2003 convention. The biggest challenge facing us at this time is accumulating enough numismatic items to produce the successful event. At this time, we have totally depleted our inventory - we have zero, nada, zip, nothing!

Last year, this notice produced a total of 7 mailed in donations. Out of the approximately 170 dealers at the show, 32 donated items to the auction. Had it not been for the Fort Worth and Mid-Cities coin club members, a huge contribution from secretary Ray Whyborn and support from the TNA treasury, this event would have been a disaster.

If we hope to continue the program, we need support. Please mail your donations as soon as possible so they may be processed as they arrive. Please don't wait until May - that doesn't work. (Almost anything related to numismatics is acceptable. Most lots average about $8 to $12 each but lesser values can be combined.)

Call me at 817-656 2540 or E-mail yanos1@flash.net for more information.

Send items to: J. Russell Prinzinger
7405 Windhaven Rd.
Fort Worth, TX. 76180

TNA BOOK AUCTION

It's that time of year again to look over the books in your numismatic library. Surely you have one or two books you can donate to this worthwhile cause. TNA holds this Book Auction as an annual event in connection with the State Convention. Through this auction we take in some extra funds for TNA and being able to purchase some exceptional numismatic literature at very reasonable prices benefits members old and new. There have been several individuals who have promised some books for the auction. I hope this subject can be brought up at your local coin club meetings. Some of your members may have books that they would be willing to donate. Members of my own Hidalgo Coin Club have already donated several books to me. For those of you who have never attended an annual TNA Show or viewed a previous book auction, the numismatic literature can be books, auction catalogs, ANA and other club journals, or just about any other numismatic related material that you would like to donate. For several years I have given a challenge to each officer and governor of TNA---Don't leave your home for the Convention without at least ONE book or other piece of numismatic literature to be donated for the Book Auction. I am going to personally meet you there in Ft. Worth and ask for your donation. Thanks to all of you who have donated during the past. Also a big thank you to those of you who have helped set up the auction. You know who you are and I hope I can count on you to help again this year. If you have books (or an entire numismatic library) to donate you can contact me at telephone -- 956-631-8301 or email -- hj631tex@aol.com Helen Snider TNA Book Auction Chairman

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THE PAPER TRAIL

TEXAS NAVY

By: Frank Clark

When hostilities broke out between Texas and Mexico, the General Council of the Provisional Government of Texas realized the need for a navy to protect the lines of supply between New Orleans and Texas. On November 25, 1835, the general council passed a bill providing for the purchase of four schooners and for the organization of the TEXAS NAVY. The same bill provided for the issuance of letters of marquee to privateers until the Texas Navy should become a reality. In January 1836, the Texas Navy came into being with the purchase of four schooners. These were the 60-ton *WILLIAM ROBBINS*, a former privateer that was rechristened *LIBERTY*; the 125-ton *INDEPENDENCE*, which had been the United States Revenue Cutter *INGHAM*; and the 125-ton *BRUTUS*.

On March 12, President David Burnet appointed officers for the ships and named Captain Charles E. Hawkins, Commodore of the Texas Navy. H. L. Thompson succeeded Hawkins, who in turn was succeeded by Edwin Ward Moore.

The first Texas Navy lasted until the middle of 1837, by which all of the ships had been lost.

Sam Houston opposed any cruises by the navy because he thought the best way to defend a coast was to stay close to that coast.

Between September 1837 and early 1838, Texas had no ships at all. How this came about involves a lot of history, sea battles, sand bars and storms.

Commencing in 1839, a second Texas Navy was assembled.

Texas sought peace and Mexico encouraged the belief that progress was being made in that direction. By late 1840, Congress had been lulled by an unofficial armistice and cut naval appropriations. Because of this cut, practically all of the fleet was decommissioned.

On September 18, 1841, an alliance was made between Texas and Yucatan. The latter agreed to pay $8,000 per month for the upkeep of the Texan Fleet. President Lamar approved of this arrangement and ordered the fleet to leave for Yucatan. Commodore Moore left Galveston on December 13, 1841. Houston was inaugurated on the same date.

Moore constantly had difficulty in obtaining enough money to keep his ships sailing. On occasion, Moore personally paid for needed repairs to his ships. Houston's idea of economy was to withhold all naval appropriations made by Congress.

The purpose here was to show why there was not enough money appropriated to support the Texas Navy. Houston and perhaps a few others comprised a minority holding his views. Ultimately, Moore was vindicated and reimbursed by the government of the Republic of Texas.

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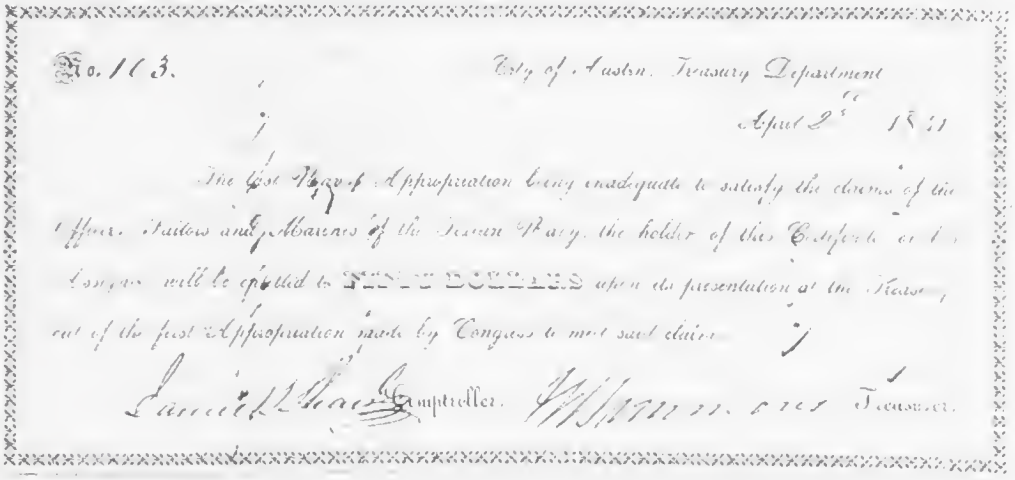

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A Message from the ANA President

February 8, 2003 Greater Houston Coin Club Dear Officers and Members of the GHCC: Nancy and I recently returned from the 46th Annual Money Show of the Southwest Coin Convention hosted by the Greater Houston Coin Club (GHCC), on January 24 - 26, 2003. The show was held adjacent to a shopping mall at the Greenspoint Expo Center, located in Houston, TX., in close proximity to the airport. We wish to thank the GHCC Officers and show committee for treating us like part of the family during our stay at the convention. The special dinner, arranged by Ralph Ross on Saturday night was very nice. We particularly want to thank Chris Johns and Carl Schwenker for all their help in our planning for the show. We could see that all the members of the coin club worked very hard for the success of the convention. Our ANA table at the show was in an outstanding location to promote the Association and hobby. We were able to sign up about 23 members for the Association and pass out information to the many visitors. The convention itself was highly successful with around 175 bourse tables, which included most of the major grading services. The convention also had excellent security; outstanding educational exhibits; a wonderful gold nugget display; educational programs featuring Cliff Mishler, Don Kagin, and others; YN programs featuring a Treasure Hunt; about 90 Girl Scouts participating in a Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic, which was hosted by ANA Governor Patti Finner and other GHCC members; a major Auction by Scotsman Auction Co from St. Louis, MO.; a club meeting by Early American Coppers; free convention parking with courtesy shuttles; reasonably priced major convention hotel with free airport shuttle, and many nearby attractions. Attendance for the convention was very good with probably well over a thousand attending the three-day event (actual attendance figures put that number at 6,000). The coin club was able to sign up around 25 new members and ran out of quarter boards on Saturday. The GHCC provided free coffee and donuts for the dealers daily and also had an outstanding barbecue on Thursday setup night. From what we heard, most of the dealers had an excellent show. We think this convention will grow rapidly over the coming years. Next years show is scheduled for January 23-25, 2004. Thank you GHCC and congratulations on a very successful convention. Yours in Numismatics, John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL.

UNITED STATES COINS—A "PRIMER"
BUST QUARTERS

This historical information is compiled from the U.S. Coins Series compliments of Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

In modern times, the quarter dollar has established itself as a workhorse in the U.S. coinage system. It plays a vital role in turning the wheels of commerce, and its annual production routinely tops 1 billion. By contrast, the quarter was all but invisible during the early years of federal coinage. The United States Mint delayed its introduction until 1796, making it one of the last U.S. coins to debut. Then, after striking just 6,146 examples of that date, the Mint suspended production of 25-cent pieces for nearly a decade.

As numismatic researcher R.W. Julian has observed, quarter dollars were "orphans" in the new nation's monetary system. "Few were struck and even fewer were seen in the marketplace actually being used by merchant or citizen." In large measure, the early public indifference to this now-essential coin was attributable to the fact that Americans didn't need it at that time. The Spanish two-reales piece, which circulated widely in the infant United States, had exactly the same purchasing power, 25 cents and then as now, people tended to favor things (including coins) with which they were more familiar. Under the circumstances, there was no particular urgency to strike quarter dollars at all, as evidenced by the fact that from 1796 to 1814, a period of nearly 20 years, the Mint produced quarters for only five dates and in quantities totaling barely half a million pieces. Indeed, the paltry output in 1796 seems to have been intended primarily to establish the denomination's existence, just to show the flag, so to speak

DRAPED BUST; SMALL EAGLE (1796). The design of the 1796-quarter had its genesis in the almost universal dislike for the previous coin designs. Earlier copper coinage, such as the Chain cent and Wreath cent had not been well received by the public, and the Flowing Hair design of the silver coins was widely criticized. To avoid such public embarrassment with the new design, Mint Director Henry DeSaussure engaged renowned portraitist

Gilbert Stuart, who used as his model the prominent Philadelphia socialite Mrs. William Bingham (nee Ann Willing). The likeness of the buxom Mrs. Bingham was first applied to the Draped Bust dollar issued late in 1795. The obverse design features the portrait, encircled by 15 stars, with the inscription LIBERTY above the head and the date below. The reverse depicts a small eagle on cloud-shaped cushions, within a wreath of olive and palm branches. The inscription UNITED STATES OF AMERICA encircles the wreath.

Only 6,146 of the new quarters were struck in 1796. There are only two varieties known, one with a low 6 in the date and the other with a high 6, the Low 6 variety being much the rarer of the two. While it is not a particularly rare coin for the era, anyone who attempts to complete a type set of United States coins must have a 1796 quarter, as this design was made in only this one year.

No proofs were struck from the 1796 quarter dies, but several presentation strikings are known, coins that evidence an inordinate amount of care in their manufacture and exhibit much stronger striking details than usually seen. The subject of proofs, however, is one that surfaced in the early 1940s when Colonel E.H.R. Green's estate was liquidated. Colonel Green was a very colorful character who collected among other things, coins, stamps, railroad cars and pornography. Among his immense numismatic holdings were some 100 high grade 1796 quarters. Half of these coins were alleged to be "proofs," the other half regular business strikes. Philadelphia dealer James G. Macallister offered these for sale around the New York area in the 1940s at $90 each for the "Frosty Uncs." and $125 each for the "proofs."

SPECIFICATIONS: Diameter: 27.5 millimeters. Weight: 6.74 grams. Composition: .8924 silver, .1076 copper. Edge: Reeded. Net Weight: .1934 ounce pure silver

DRAPED BUST; HERALDIC EAGLE (1804-1807). By 1804, the Mint had settled on 13 stars representing the 13 original states; the notion of adding a star every time a state joined the Union had been scrapped as an impractical indulgence. Thirteen stars appear on the reverse of the Heraldic Eagle quarter, as well, tucked into the space above the eagle's head. There are clouds above the eagle, while UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and 25 C. are inscribed around the periphery. A shield is superimposed upon the eagle's breast, a banner in its beak proclaims E PLURIBUS UNUM and it grasps symbolic items: a sheaf of arrows and an olive branch. In designing the coin, Chief Engraver Scot chose to place the warlike arrows in the right (or "dexter") claw and the olive branch of peace in the left (or "sinister") claw. This reverses the traditional

American priorities, since the right claw is dominant in heraldry and thus more properly suited for a symbol of peace, not war. The Draped Bust/Heraldic Eagle quarter remained in production for only four years, and during that time its annual mintage never reached a quarter of a million. Only 6,738 examples were struck in 1804, making that the key date of the series. Thereafter, the output topped 100,000 every year, reaching a high of 220,643 in 1807. Combined production for all four years totaled only 554,899. Mint records make no mention of proofs

After completing production of quarters for 1807, the Mint put this underused denomination back on the shelf for another long hiatus. People still preferred the Spanish and Mexican two-reales coins. As a further disincentive to production, the few quarters already issued were being widely hoarded, because they contained more silver than the two-reales pieces.

SPECIFICATIONS: Diameter: 27.5 millimeters. Weight: 6.74 grams. Composition: .8924 silver, .1076 copper. Edge: Reeded. Net Weight: .19338 ounce pure silver.

CAPPED BUST; LARGE SIZE (1815-1828). The Mint wouldn't issue quarters again until 1815, and when it did, they would come in a new version: John Reich's Capped Bust design. Reich brought Europe to America. His obverse design shows Liberty facing left, surrounded by 13 stars, with the date below the bust. Liberty is quite buxom, and though characterized in the press as looking like "the artist's fat mistress," she is probably representative in appearance of the typical woman that Reich would have seen in Europe. Contrary to the opinions of some students of U.S. coinage, she is *not* wearing a Phrygian liberty cap but simply a *mob cap,* with a band inscribed LIBERTY. Many took issue with the idea that Liberty would be adorned with a cap given to freed slaves, but even President Thomas Jefferson saw this headdress, with its high cap bearing frills and ribbons, as familiar wearing apparel of women during this time. The reverse shows an eagle with outstretched wings perched on a branch and holding three arrows, the Union Shield on its breast and the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM ("One made up of many") on a scroll above the eagle. The words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and 25 C appear around the border. The eagle is more domesticated and peaceful looking than the aggressive Heraldic Eagle of the 1804-1807 design and more robust than the puny eagle on the 1796 quarter.

The Reich design would follow the policy established by the first director of the Mint, David Rittenhouse, that one design would be used on all coins of the same metal. It was first rendered on the half dollar of 1807, the dime of 1809 and finally the quarter in 1815. There were no quarters minted from 1808 to 1814, primarily because there was little demand for them. Early quarters were victims of *Gresham's Law*. This economic axiom dictates that if two competing currencies exist side by side, the least valuable will be spent and the other will be kept. In other words, "bad" money drives out "good." The competing Spanish 2 reales coins were legal tender at par with the heavier quarter, so the quarter coin was either hoarded or melted for its silver content. The Spanish coins satisfied the needs of commerce, so there was not much need or motivation to make large mintages of U.S. coins.

Quarters were only minted in 1815 because the banks had ordered them. In fact, the majority of the mintage of 1815 went to the Planters' Bank of New Orleans. Just over 89,000 pieces were made, including approximately 20,000 pieces delivered on January 10th of 1816. A fire at the mint the next day destroyed much of the equipment, shutting down production of quarters until 1818, but nobody missed the coin.

Though the design was criticized, it represented a technological improvement over the Scot Heraldic design. There were far fewer design elements that had to be worked in by hand, reducing the time necessary to make a working die and increasing its useful life. The dies and therefore the coins were more consistent, making it easier to detect counterfeits. Relatively low mintages were the rule for this series, with production for the 11 years totaling only 1,290,584 pieces. While VG to VF pieces are easily obtainable, uncirculated pieces are scarce or rare. Assembling a complete date set is precluded by the two major rarities, 1823/2 and the proof-only 1827, but strong demand comes from type collectors. Proofs, really presentation pieces, exist for some dates but are very rare.

The 1827 proof issues have a special significance in that they are associated with the name Joseph J. Mickley, who is considered to be the "Father of American Coin Collecting." On a visit to the Mint in 1827, Mickley obtained four proof quarters, which turned out to be at least a third of the entire mintage for the date. Although Mint records show 4,000 quarters were produced in 1827, undoubtedly they were struck with another date, as no 1827-dated business strikes are known. After coin collecting became popular in the United States in the 1850s, about a dozen surreptitious restrikes were made of the coveted rarity. The restrikes were made from the original 1827

obverse die, but the reverse used an 1819 die with a flat base 2 in 25 C. instead of the curled base 2 of the original 1827.

The ending of the Large Size Capped Bust quarter series nearly coincides with the end of the first Philadelphia Mint. The cornerstone of the new mint building was laid on July 4th of 1829 at Juniper and Chestnut Streets. The anticipation of the new mint was an opportunity to refresh the designs of the coinage. In 1831, a smaller size Bust quarter was introduced, which kept the basic Reich design but eliminated the motto E PLURIBUS UNUM . The diameter was reduced to 24.3 millimeters, the size the quarter would remain up through the present day.

SPECIFICATIONS: Diameter: 27 millimeters. Weight: 6.74 grams. Composition: .8924 silver, .1076 copper. Edge: Reeded. Net Weight: .1934 ounce pure silver.

CAPPED BUST; SMALL SIZE (1831-1838). After a generation of warfare ended in Europe in 1815, it can be said that the Western world truly entered the 19th century, a century that stands in retrospect as the most remarkable period of material progress in the history of the human race. From the beginning of history until about 1800, the work of the world was largely done by hand tools. Since then, machines of increasing sophistication have done it.

In the first three decades of production at the Philadelphia Mint, there was very little change in the methods used to strike coins. While Mint officials had discussed steam presses since the 1790s, coins continued to be produced by the old screw presses that were powered by either human or animal muscle. Then, in 1829, several mechanical improvements were made in the striking of half dimes, but it would not be until 1831 that these same procedures could be incorporated into the production of quarter dollars. At that time, a device known as a "close collar," or more precisely a "collar die" was used, which confined the planchets at the time of striking and at the same instant reeded the edge of the coin. This "close collar" imparted what Mint Director Samuel Moore called "a mathematical equality" to the quarters so produced. A higher, beaded border was also incorporated around the rims, which served to protect the interior surfaces of the coin.

Director Moore used these mechanical improvements to also make several changes in the previous Capped Bust design. The first change Moore ordered Mint Engraver William Kneass to make was to eliminate the scroll above the eagle with the traditional motto E PLURIBUS UNUM. It was Moore's belief that the motto, which translates from Latin as "One made up from many," was redundant, as the legend UNITED STATES was already on the coin, and this already signified the same concept. The elimination of the motto was somewhat controversial in government circles, and Treasury officials sought to restore it, but Moore traveled to Washington to press his case for its elimination. Moore prevailed and the motto was not restored to quarters until 1892, with Charles Barber's redesign of that year

Kneass reworked the entire coin. He retained the "sandwich board" eagle of John Reich's previous design. The obverse kept the same figure of Liberty facing left and wearing a mob cap, but Kneass tightened the design, giving the coin a more cameo-like appearance. He also deepened the devices, resulting in better striking qualities.

Small Size Capped Bust quarters were only struck in eight years, with a total of 4,202,400 pieces produced. All were struck in the Philadelphia Mint between 1831 and 1838. There are no major rarities in the series, but 1832 and 1836 are considerably scarcer than other dates in mint condition, while 1831 and 1834 are most often seen. The 1831 issue comes in Small and Large Letters varieties, but each is of approximately equal rarity.

Because Small Size quarters were made for such a short time, the series is one of the few of the 19th century that is completable by the average collector.

SPECIFICATIONS: Diameter: 24.3 millimeters. Weight: 1831-36, 6.74 gm.

1837-38--6.68 grams. Composition: 1831-36, .8924 silver, .1076 copper; 1837-38, .900 silver, .100 copper. Edge: Reeded.

Net Wt: 1831-36--.1934 ounce pure silver; 1837-38, .1933 ounce pure silver

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COMING NEXT MONTH:

ALABAMA

The Alabama quarter is the second quarter of 2003, and the 22nd in the 50 State Quarters® Program. Alabama became the 22nd state to be admitted into the Union on December 14, 1819. The Alabama quarter design features an image of Helen Keller with her name in English, and in a reduced-size version of Braille. The Alabama quarter is the first U.S. circulating coin to feature Braille. An Alabama long leaf pine branch and magnolias grace the sides of the design, and a "Spirit of Courage" banner underlines the central image.

Helen Keller was born at "Ivy Green" in Tuscumbia, Alabama, in 1880. When she was a small child, an illness destroyed her sight and hearing and, consequently, depriving her of the senses by which we normally learn to speak. Despite her disabilities, Helen Keller learned to speak and read using the raised and manual alphabets, as well as Braille. Miss Keller also graduated with honors, receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from Radcliffe. She went on to publish numerous books, articles and essays. Helen Keller lived out her life addressing social issues for disabled persons and women. Every year at "Ivy Green," a weeklong celebration is held to commemorate her lifetime of accomplishments and her "Spirit of Courage."

In January 2001, Governor Don Siegelman announced a statewide competition for Alabama schools to submit concepts for the Alabama quarter. Of the thousands of concepts submitted, Governor Siegelman forwarded three to the United States Mint: Helen Keller, Alabama's role in social movements, and Alabama's social and economic history. The United States Mint returned five candidate designs to the Governor's office where the final selection of Helen Keller, "Spirit of Courage," was made.

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In Memoriam

Paul F. Colby, R-0142

of Wimberley Texas, passed away on February 28, 2002. Paul was a charter member and had been a member since 1960. Notification of his passing was not received until this January when his widow, Maria, received the 2003 annual dues renewal notice.

Adrain R. Smith, R-3079

of Houston TX, passed away on November 28, 2002. Adrain was member R-3079 and had been a member since August of 1975. Notification of his passing was not received until January, when his widow received his 2003 annual dues notice.

Robert J. Stone. R-4518

of Odessa TX, passed away on January 8, 2003. Robert was member R-4518 and had been a member since June of 1984. "Bob", as he was known by most of us, could always be found in the company of his beloved wife, Dail, at many of the local, regional and state level coin shows. The Stone's operated "The Vault Gold and Silver Exchange" in Odessa.

Dr. Douglas Ball

I just wanted to pass along to our members, that Dr. Douglas Ball of New York passed away on March 13. While Dr. Ball was not a member of TNA, he was a true icon in the field of numismatics, especially in confederate paper money and bonds. At the time of his death, he was a long-time employee of R.M. Smythe and Co. of New York. All who knew Dr. Ball will truly miss him.

TNA will miss these and all who pass before us. Our sympathies are extended to their loved ones.

CALENDAR of EVENTS--2003

March 28-30 Grapevine, TX 70 Tables
Texas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security and $2 admission. GOLD PRIZES! Contact Ginger and David Pike, Box 261748, Plano, TX 75026-1748. Phone & Fax: (972) 964-5520. Email---TexasCoinShows@aol.com.

March 29 Austin, TX 30 Tables
Central Texas Coin and Sports Collectable Show. American Inn, 7300 North IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Francis Smith (1-800-691-2851) Email at fpsmith@sbcglobal.net

April 5 McKinney, TX 38 tables
Semi-Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N, Exit 40B). A:Free, Tables $50/$60. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566.

April 12 Arlington, TX 72 tables
Dallas & Mid-Cities 7th annual coin show. Fri 4/12 10-6 Sat 9:00-5:00. DFW Airport Marriott S., 4151 Centerport Drive (Trinity exit off of highway 360). contact Jim Fitzgerald 817-847-5205

April 12-13 Wichita Falls, TX 50-60 tables
37th Annual Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Show at the Multi-Purpose Event Center (MPEC), 1000 5th Street, Wichita Falls TX. Saturday, April 12, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M., Sunday, April 13, 9 A.M. - 3 P. M.
Friday April 11th afternoon is dealer setup. Free admission, free parking, 24 hour security. Contact Bourse Chairman Gene Wheeler, PO Box 747, Seymour TX 76380 or call (940) 888-3832.

April 26-27 Bellaire, TX 35 tables
Bellaire Coin Club show Sat 4/26 9:00-6:00 Sun 10:00-4:00 Bellaire Civic Center, 7000 So. Rice, Bellaire, Texas. contact Ed Stephens @www.bellairecoinclub.org

May 3 Oklahoma City, OK 80 tables
Oklahoma Numismatic Assoc. coin show Sat 5/3 9:00-6:00. Sun 9:00-3:00. Ramada Inn & Conference Center, 4345 No. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, Okla. Contact Shane Cornell 918-492-9758

May 9, 10, 11 **Fort Worth, Texas** **195 Tables**
45th Annual Texas State 2003 TNA Convention and Show. Will Rogers Memorial Center, Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall, Central Texas Room. 3401 W. Lancaster Ave, Ft Worth, TX. Free Parking, police security, $3 admission. There will be dealers from all over the country along with a grading service and supplies. A children's auction will be held on Saturday. Contact: Mike Grant, PO Box 171719, Arlington, TX 76003-1719, call 817-496-2388, Fax: 817-496-2390, Email: mpg4tna@worldnet.att.net

May 17-18 **Orange, Texas**
Greater Orange Coin Club Spring Show. Ramada Inn, 2610 West I-10, Orange, TX. Contact bourse chairman-(409)883-6388.

May 24 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
San Antonio Coin and Collectible Show. Saturday—9A-5P. Live Oak Civic Center. 8101 Pat Booker Road, Live Oak, TX. NE of San Antonio at IH35N & Loop 1604. Free Admission and door prizes. Sponsored by the Gateway Coin Club, Inc. Contact: Raymond Tate, Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-0964. Email—retate@msn.com.

June 13-15 **Grapevine, TX** **70 Tables**
Texas Coin Show at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine). Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security and $2 admission. GOLD PRIZES! Contact Ginger and David Pike, Box 261748, Plano, TX 75026-1748. Phone & Fax: (972) 964-5520. Email---TexasCoinShows@aol.com.

June 21 **Greenville, TX** **42 tables**
Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Hunt County Coin Club. Central Assembly of God Church. 1501 S. Ramsey Blvd (I-30 & Hwy 69). A:Free, Tables $50. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566 or Dennis Menn, Box 610 Caddo Mills, TX 75135; (903) 527-5371

June 28 **Austin, TX** **30 Tables**
Capital City Coin Club 31st Annual Coin Show. American Inn, 7300 North IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Bryan Jones (1-512-339-2923)

July 11-13 **Oklahoma City, OK** **100+ tables**
Oklahoma City Coin & Currency Show at The Coca-Cola Bricktown Event Center, 429 East California, Oklahoma City, OK. Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-3pm. Free admission, Free parking, 24 hour security. Dealer setup is Friday 12pm-7pm. Contact: Scott Thomas, 221 North Broadway, Edmond, OK 73034, call (405) 844-0008, Email okccoinshow@cox.net.

July 26-27 **Bossier City, LA** **100 Tables**
40th Annual Ark-La-Tex Coin, Stamp and Card Expo. 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Sponsored by the Shreveport Coin Club. Public hours, Sat. 9-6, Sun 9-3. Free parking and admission. Hourly door prizes. Contact—Richie Self—(318)868-9077.

August 2 **Sherman, TX** **32 tables**
Texoma Coin show. Holiday Inn, 3605 Hwy 75S, Exit 56 (FM 1417). A:Free, Tables $55/$65. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070; (972)727-1566 or Tony Hales, Box 832032, Richardson, TX 75080; (972) 690-4340

August 16-17 **Amarillo, TX**
Golden Spread Coin Club will sponsor its annual Coin & Collector show on, 2003 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Free Admission. Hourly door prizes. Show hours Saturday 9 am - 6 pm. Sunday 9 am - 5 pm. For table information contact Ted Winton 806. 352.8281 talk@1s.net.

August 22-24 **Richardson, Texas** **86 tables**
16th Annual Plano Coin Show. Sponsored by the Lone Star Mint. Richardson Civic Center. 411 Arapaho Rd, Richardson, Tx. Free Admission. Contact: Lone Star Mint, Inc. 805 East 15th St. Plano, TX 75074-5805. (972) 424-1405. Email—planoshow@lsmint.com.

August 23 **San Antonio, Texas** **57+ tables**
Summer Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open 9:30AM-5:30 PM, with seminars at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Children's Auction at 2:30 PM. Free admission, parking, hourly door prizes. Tables $95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. (210)341-6587. E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

August 30-31 **Ft. Worth, Texas**
32nd Annual Summer Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway I-30. Free Admission. Sat. 9AM to 6PM. Sun. 9AM to 4PM. Tables $200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N, Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Phone (817) 485-1777.

September 20-21Beaumont, Texas
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles Fall Show. Jointly sponsored by the Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur and Silsbee Coin Clubs. Beaumont Civic Center (corner of Main & Forsythe). Contact Dale Richey, Bourse Chairman (409) 246-2432.

September 20-21 **San Angelo, TX** **32 Tables**
The Coin Show of the Concho Valley, LaQuinta Inn, 2307 Loop 306 at Kickerbocker San Angelo, Texas. Sat, 9am to 5 pm, Sun 9 am to 4 pm. Free parking, Free admission, and Security. Tables @ $100, second table @ $50. Gold prizes. Contact: Don Smith, (915) 655-5293 or San Angelo Coin Club, P. O. Box 2521, San Angelo, TX 76902. E-mail: sacoinclub@aol.com.

October 4 **McKinney, TX** **38 tables**
Semi-Annual Coin Show Sponsored by Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N, Exit 40B). A Free, Tables $50/$60. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070, (972)727-1566.

October 10-12 **Grapevine, TX** **70 Tables**
Texas Coin Show "Christmas Show" at the Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051 (4 miles NW of DFW Airport off Hwy 114, exit Main, right on Vine) Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. Free parking, police security and $2 admission. GOLD PRIZES! Contact Ginger and David Pike, Box 261748, Plano, TX 75026-1748. Phone & Fax: (972) 964-5520. Email---TexasCoinShows@aol.com.

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November 14-16 **Oklahoma City, OK** **100+ tables**
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Fall Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open 9:30AM-5:30 PM. Free admission, parking, hourly door prizes. Tables $95. Contact Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. (210)341-6587. E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

CALENDAR of EVENTS--2004

February 7-8, 2004 **Ft. Worth, Texas**
22nd Annual Winter Coin Show. Green Oaks Inn. 6901 West Freeway I-30. Free Admission. Sat. 9AM to 6PM. Sun. 9AM to 4PM. Tables $200. Contact Joe and Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch N, Ft. Worth, TX 76180. Phone (817) 485-1777.

TEXAS HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT II

Permian Basin Coin Club (Internet report)

The Permian Basin Coin Club met at Midland College Tuesday the 4th. 10 members were present New officers were elected The membership dues is currently due. A discussion was held concerning the dues which is currently $18.00 per year and $9.00 for youth It was decided and voted upon to lower the dues to $12.00 per year and $6.00 for youth. A discussion was held concerning the club hosting a future coin show in the Midland / Odessa area It was agreed that most of the members favored having a show and several were willing to help pursue it. Several local dealers have shown an interest in attending a show in our area. Gene the new president is willing to find possible locations and others were willing to check into advertising, tables, cases, etc. The club will look to a date sometime next year that doesn't conflict with other shows

Our annual Barbeque dinner was discussed next. Location and time is to be set at our next meeting. It was agreed that each member would pay a nominal amount to help defray the expenses A discussion was also held to have door prizes at the meetings to help bolster attendance. Most were in favor of having one free door prize and possibly one by purchasing tickets.

15 coins were then auctioned off by the president. Included were proof sets, a Unc CC Morgan dollar, several type coins and others. Several were bargains at or below bid The rest of the meeting was a trade night. Several members brought some nice coins to show and sell The club hopes to have a guest speaker for the next meeting in April.

Submitted by Dr. Bill Welsh

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The January 2, 2003 Meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by President Kammer with 7 members and two guests, Royce and Grace Hoerster, present.

This month's short snorter was a maroon, blueish and greenish 25 Dinara note from Croatia. We had come difficulty determining the country of origin since the country's name was spelled "Republika Hrvatska". It was a plain little note graced with the portrait of Ruder Boskovic, who we guessed was an astronomer or mathematician because of the associated graphics (planetary orbits perhaps?). Security features included.

- An all-over watermark of a simple design with the numeral "5"

- Different-colored darker fibers within the yellowish paper
- A serial number printed separately from rest of design
- Fince surface printing (but not intaglio), with subtle color gradations

The Treasurer's report was read; we had $171.14 in the account. Since it was time for club dues, this went up to $201.14 after the dues were paid.

Old Business: none really, but for lack of a better place I shall mention we got a Christmas card from Jeffery, once our secretary but now residing in Kentucky.

New Business: The X-mas social went well. There were enough door prizes that few party-goers went home empty-handed

Second point of new business: Upcoming shows:

- Jan. 3-5; Grapevine
- Jan. 18; Austin. This will be held at that new "convention center" in Northcross Mall, just this once. Later shows will be at the American Inn, once known as the Chariot Inn. Near 183 and I-35
- Jan. 24-26; Houston. This monster show promises us 225 tables
- Feb. 1-2, Fort Worth. 65 tables

Following this there was a brief discussion on just how far a collector will go for a show. Most people drew the line at shows which would allow a same-day return home.

Following this was a short presentation by our illustrious leader, Jerry, about this new-fangled European Money System, AKA the Euro. Referencing an article in Coin World, he related the experience of a Canadian coin collector who was visiting the Netherlands. He found the Euro-based coins he received in change primarily consisted of the "local" Netherlands minor coins (1, 2, 5,10, 20, and 50 cents) and a mix of Netherlands and other countries in the higher denominations (1 and 2 Euro). It seems Europeans don't carry minor change when travelling. Two club members who had recently traveled overseas supported this observation with their own experiences.

Anther aspect of European finance is the Europeans use checks far less than North Americans. Bills are paid by scheduling bank transfers. Nor can you put off really paying by using a credit card. Credit cards are accepted and used over there, but most such cards are linked to a user's bank account and act more like a debit-card

After almost a year of use, problems with the Euro system have come up. France and Germany minted coins in excess of their needs, and the paper money is eating up the innards of Automatic Teller Machines. Those notes hold up well in circulation (except for German-printed notes, why??), but it seems the ink is abrasive.

An aside here; Mexico has issued a 20-Peso plastic note with a see-thru panel. So far it seems only the 20-Peso note is done this way. Coins continue to be minted in denominations of 20, 50 and 100 Pesos.

This opened up a small and only slightly squirmy can-of-worms discussion on why the US has not embraced the dollar coin. I had heard it so many times before, I quit listening, and it will not be reproduced here. Except for one item – Have you noticed our money has looked a bit peaked lately?

Something in the ink chemistry has changed and the inks do not bond well to the paper, thus flaking off in circulation

On to Show-And-Tell

Harlan brought

- 1915 and 1917 Large British Pennies
- then related a story about a Georgetown feed store which was giving out half-dollar coins in change. They wanted to be "different". Banks do not routinely carry half-dollars; they must be ordered.

Our guest, Mr Hoerster, participated, bringing a 1945 2-Peso gold coin

Steve brought:

- His US Type-set with some new additions, the gold coins. The set is almost complete! The one minor coin missing is the Turban Head Large Cent (1808-1814)

George brought.

- A book full of red seal US currency, one of which displayed a color change in the seal, from red to yellow The older inks are metal-oxide based and sensitive to changes in pH. You could probably duplicate this aberration, should you wish to ruin a perfectly good red-seal, by shoving it into a pocket and subjecting that article of clothing to a long wash with plenty of laundry detergent.

A Collector brought:

- "Terra Cash" Quarters given out in change at Terra Toys on S. Congress Ave. in Austin are graced with a sticker stating they were given out in change at that store. This quarter, however, came from Captain Quackenbush's Bakery at 43rd and Duval in Austin.
- An 1873A silver 5-Franc coin from France, grading at XF
- A 50-Sen coin from Japan, also silver, dated year 43 (1906)
- A silver 20 Piastre coin from Turkey, dated AH 1293 (1876ish) with a planchet error. What at first looks like damage is actually a "lift" from the surface of the planchet. 19th Century quality control was a far cry from that of today.

Roger brought: paper money, of course.

- Civil War fractional notes of the 5th series, issued in 1865. The colors are nice; the 5 cent is gold, the 10 cent green, the 25 cent purple, and the 50 cent is red. The 10 cent note was present in two varieties, each on a different type of paper One was on regular paper, and one was on "rainbow note" paper, which had numerous colored fibers.
- A $10 National Currency uncut pair from the First National Trust and Savings Bank of Port Huron, Michigan. At that time banks were sent sheets of paper money, which they cut up as needed.

Cyn brought:

- "Antiqued" uniface reproductions of Republic of Texas and Confederate paper money which were foung on sale at the Capitol Gift Shop in the Capitol Extention. The aging was done with Acetic

acid, which left its tell-tale vinegar stink in the paper. No one would mistake there for the real thing. They sported the word "copy", smelled awful, were poorly printed, and were uniface to boot.

Last but not least, Gerry brought:

- An ENCO/Humble Oil Company Token dated 1968, with a horse on one side and a Texas Tech football schedule on the back. This was apparently a commemorative for the Southwestern Conference Broadcast 35th Anniversary. There were eight different types in all, one for each member of the Southwestern Conference.

Sumbitted by Cynthia Mauk

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The last regular meeting of the Collin County Coin Club was held on February 20 , 2003. There were 30 members attending. We are happy welcome new members John Washburn, Chester Shippy and Sandy Krainc. We were pleased to host four guests at our February meeting, Glenn Gant, Roger Harris, Cindy Sampica and Randy Bourland. David Linacre brought an 1863 pattern two cent piece he recently aquired and presented a short program on the coin. Our appreciation goes to David as well for donating printing services to the club. The design-a-card contest for members to design a club business card that advertises our club, meeting time, place and contact information ends this month There will be a twenty dollar prize awarded to the chosen design. We will vote on the winning design at the March 20, 2003 meeting The lotto winners were Bill Nelson and Cindy Sampica. The Door prize winner was James Terry, yes, twice! Congratulations to all winners!

Dallas Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Larry Herrera called the January meeting to order with 16 members and 1 guest, Gordon Robinson, present. Vice President Huckaby introduced Gordon Robinson, announcing he will be our February speaker. Secretary Cherry and Treasurer Swann both reminded the members that dues for 2003 were payable by the end of March. The Club voted to have the 75th anniversary dinner on Saturday, May 17 at Dovie's Restaurant. Mike Grant announced the Dallas Club Coin Show will be Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19 at DFW Airport Marriott South, 4151 Centreport Drive, Trinity exit off Highway 360. Hal Cherry enthralled the membership, at least himself, with a report about his visit to the FUN Show and Dahlonega Mint site and museum. In Show and Tell, Stewart Huckaby displayed a Canadian Catalog featuring the Belzberg connection from a Heritage auction.

Door prizes were won by Larry Herrera, Jeff Cecil, Jim Jeska, Mickie Nunn, Ben Hong, and John Post.

Glenn Woods gave a program on ancient coins, displaying both genuine and counterfeit coins with the members having a chance to test their knowledge of which was which.

Raffle winners were John Post, Ben Hong, Jeff Cecil, Kathy Lawrence, and David Swann. Twelve items were sold in the auction for a total of $54 00.
Submitted by Hal Cherry, Secretary and Newsletter Editor

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The February 3, 2003 meeting had 25 members and guests attending the meeting. Ed Stephens noted that half of the 40 tables for "National Coin Week" show in April are sold out. Carl Schwenker gave a report on the Greater Houston Coin Club Money Show of the Southwest, an estimated 6000 visitors. Each visitor received a yellow sticker, so that security knows that the person has been to the registration tables. Tom Windsheimer, Ron Miller, Jack Pavlovic also gave their opinions of the show. Carl Schwenker and Jeff Todd noted that with the security, there were still had robberies. Jeff Todd stated one type of robbery scams. Three people splitting up in different directions, one to pretend to look at something, one to make a distraction, and one to steal an item. Carl Schwenker then showed some of the pictures taking during the show, including Don Kagan, in full costume, as the world's oldest living pioneer, Having his coins encased in protective plastic holders by NGC, National Guaranty Corporation of America. Ed Stephens noted the National Coin Week security would be increased. The program for the night was about "Around the World in Eight Reales," presented by Sebastian Frommhold.

The February 17, 2003 meeting had 28 members and guests attending the meeting. Tom Windsheimer asked if anybody discussed the Greater Houston Coin Club Money Show of the Southwest. The main discussion about the show was at the February 3 meeting.
Ed Arrich, Tom Bermel, Bob Bing, Tim Conway, Michael Doyle, Ron Miller, Ron Sjoberg, Norris Tyer Junior, and the attending club members discussed the first annual Clements Coin Show. The show had at least 30 dealers, and the children's auction. The show had a good room size for a high school cafeteria. Our club noted how well the show was advertised. Ron Miller noted how well, Michael Wolford had created the map to the show.
The program for the night was about "Jefferson Nickels: Proofs and Business Strikes," presented by Tim Conway.

Greater Houston Coin Club

The January 15th meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club had 30 members in attendance. After officer reports, an over view of the recent FUN show was given and congratulations to junior member David Gmoser for winning first place for his exhibit place there. Then, many updates were given and discussions held on the upcoming Money Show. After door prizes, an 88-lot auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT VII

Gateway Coin Club

The January 2nd meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 24 members in attendance. Roundtable items shown included a 1998 Mexican mint medal and a 1944 gold 2-½-peso coin Raffle prizes and an auction closed the meeting.

The January 16th meeting had 25 members and one guest present. The member roundtable had items such as a Mongolia 25 Terper Proof silver crown, the new Illinois quarters and other foreign and ancient coins. The program for the night was given by Don Hunter on "A Brief Biography of the Franklin Half-Dollar." He covered the entire minting cycle from 1948-1963. An auction and raffle prizes closed the meeting.

The February 6th meeting had 34 members and one guest in attendance. During the business portion of the meeting, discussions were held regarding the need for volunteers and publicity for the upcoming show. The roundtable had many interesting items, including a 1971-D slabbed Kennedy half, a British Virgin Islands dollar and an Air Force Sergeants challenge coin.

The February 20th meeting had 32 members and 2 guests in attendance. The member roundtable and raffle preceded the program, which was given by Bobby Rogers on "Allied Military Currency." He showed many examples and discussed the timetable, denominations, etc. An auction closed the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

The South Plains Coin Club meeting on Jan. 21st. with 22 members present This was the first meeting with the new slate of officers for 2003. Ben Cave presented awards to Sharron Rice, Lynn Parker and Mike Carpenter for services to the club in 2002. He presented framed certificates to those members who gave a program in 2002. Sharron discussed our show coming up in March and asked for volunteers to help at the show. She said table applications and fliers are being printed for the 2004 show. Lamonte Pitzer said Gober Pitzer had accepted the nomination for TNA governor for the 2004 election He was nominated by the Lamb County Coin Club. An auction of 28 lots was conducted by Ed Chauncey assisted by Ben Cave and Gober Pitzer.

The South Plains Coin Club met Feb. 18th with 26 members present and one guest present. Mrs. Jean Hastings (the guest) joined the club. Most of the meeting was devoted to our coin & card show coming up March 22nd & 23rd. Vice president Lynn Parker asked for volunteers to help with the table set up and take down, door prize ticket sales, food for the dealers and other jobs that need to be done for the show. Sharron Rice stated that the tables were going fast and that we should sell all tables. Ed Chauncy and

Allyson Chauncy conducted the auction to close the meeting
Submitted by Lamonte Pitzer District Governor # 9

Lamb County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Lamb County Coin Club Jan. 28th meeting had 8 members in attendance. Harvey read the minutes and Larry gave the treasurer's report. The club voted to purchase eleven 2003 silver American Eagle Dollars for monthly door prizes. Club President Earnest Mills asked if anyone had any thing to report and Sherrie Keithley and David Keithley showed some ancient coins they recently added to their collections David specializes in ancient coins and answered many questions put forth by some members. Gober Pitzer said he accepted the clubs nomination for TNA Governor of District #9.

The Lamb County Coin Club meeting was held Feb 25th with 9 members present. Harvey Miller read the minuets and Larry Sanderson gave a treasure report. President Ernest Mills asked if anyone had anything new to discuss. Lamonte Pitzer invited everyone to the South Plains Coin Club show March 22nd & 23rd and also to attend the TNA show in May. He gave David Keithley an exhibit form. Gober Pitzer had tickets for door prizes at the south plains coin club show for sale. Larry stated he needed a roll of uncirculated 1953 Lincolns. That is the year he was married A trade session followed to close the meeting.
Submitted by Lamonte Pitzer District Governor # 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)

The January 3rd meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 34 members and guests present. After officer reports were presented, a report on the club Christmas party was given. The club was reminded of elections of officers in May and 2003 dues. After a report on the upcoming show and the latest in numismatic happenings, an auction closed the meeting.

The January 16th meeting had 36 members and three guests present. Minutes and the treasurer's report were approved. A report on the upcoming show and a reminder of club dues for 2003 were given. Volunteers were asked for for the nominating committee to be formed in March. After the latest numismatic news was given Roger Walker gave the program on Austrian commemorative coinage from the period between the two world wars. A raffle closed the meeting.

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club (Internet Report)

President Ted Winton called the February meeting to order. There were 16 members present & 2 visitors. Minutes & financial report were accepted. Doug Hershey gave a report on the 501C3 tax exempt status. The state of Texas would not accept the amended by-laws. So the club will dissolve then form a new club with the new articles of incorporation with the

new bi-laws. We have to have to new bi-laws to get approved by the IRS for our 501C3. Motion made & passed to dissolve the club & form a new club of the same name. We are beginning to have trouble reserving the room at the library. It seems any city employ can cancel us out of our room reservation for city business. Motion made & passed to form a committee to find a new place to meet. Tommy Tompkins gave a report on upcoming coin shows in the area. David Cass gave the program on "The Nickel wasn't always 5 cents." Meeting adjourned.

The March meeting called to order by Ted Winton. There were 14 members, 2 junior members & 1 junior visitor. Minutes & Treasures report were approved. Ted reported that we will have the same room for our coin show at the Civic Center for our coin show as last year. The room should be a little better than last year because of the recent remodel at the Civic Center. The show is August 16 & 17, 2003. Motion made & passed to authorize Charlie to build us more electrical connections for our show. We are still looking for a new place to meet. We can meet in the library in April. After that we will have to find a new place to meet. Doug reported that he is still working with the state of Texas to get our new articles of incorporation approved. The state did accept our request to dissolve our club but has not accepted the new articles yet. Bill Hughes presented a program on early Mexican silver coins that were used in the US before the 1850's.

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

We were unable to attend the January meeting. The regular monthly meeting for February was held on Monday, 3 February. There were twelve members in attendance and one visitor, Texas A&M Professor Jeff Schlosser. A moment of silence was observed for the astronauts and their families and Len Outz led a prayer. The program for the evening was on "Mint Sets" and was presented by Len Outz. There were four points which should interest any collector: the first mint set, as we know them, was issued in 1948 using 1947-dated coins, prior to 1948 one could order coins directly from the mints for face plus postage; after World War II mint sets contained two of each coin from each mint; and, in 1959 the contents were changed to one of each denomination from each mint and were packaged to show both sides. Gene Wheeler gave reports on the Houston and Green Oaks shows. Sad to report, there were more thefts at Houston than any one show in years -- $55,000 lost by an Austin dealer; $1000-dollar bill stolen from the auction lots; cash bags taken from behind a dealers' table, much shoplifting, etc. Dan Massaro won a 2004 Silver Eagle in the paid-up membership drawing. George Woodburn and Judy Wheeler were winners of the raffle prizes. Bill Howard conducted a 21-lot auction from four consignors.

The regular monthly meeting was held on 3 March. There were 14 attendees, including two visitors. Gene Wheeler gave a report on the status of coin shows in the current economy. Ray Whyborn presented a program on

"The Use of the Iranian Rial as Currency in Afghanistan Today" He included his remembrances of the value of the rial in 1978, when we lived in Iran, compared with today. Ray Whyborn was also the winner of both the paid-up membership prize and the raffle prize. Dan Massaro will present the program for the April meeting and George Woodburn will furnish the program in May. Ollie Garrett conducted a 15-lot auction Dan Massaro auctioned off a mystery lot, which turned out to be a $10 gift certificate to Doan's Crossing, a local restaurant owned and operated by Dan. It was won by one of the visitors

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The first meeting of 2003 was held at the new meeting place, Merrill Gardens, on 23 January. There were 16 members in attendance and 4 visitors. Connolly O'Brien and Ray Whyborn gave a briefing on the upcoming club-sponsored coin and stamp show to be held on 12-13 April at the Multi-Purpose Events Center in Wichita Falls. The surprise program, brought to the club by Connolly O'Brien, was extremely well received. Wayne Kuschel, a friend of one of Connolly's customers, had brought several interesting and valuable coins, the most interesting and rarest of which was a 1916 Type I Standing Liberty Quarter. This was the finest specimen ever seen by the attendees, who hope that both Van Blevins and his friend, Wayne Kuschel, will join the club and bring more of these interesting coins. Russell Robinson won a 1962 silver U.S proof set in the paid-up membership drawing. "Butch" Krasovic and Floyd Wilson were winners of the raffle prizes.

The regular monthly meeting was held on 27 February There were ten members present and two visitors, Judy Wheeler and James Payton. James subsequently placed his membership. Vice President George Woodburn conducted the meeting in the absence of President "Robbie" Robinson. Gene Wheeler gave his progress report on the upcoming show on April 12-13. Thus far, 40 tables have been sold and he anticipates a good show. Mary Jane Whyborn won a 1988-S Proof Olympic Dollar in the paid-up membership drawing. Doug Barber and Gene Wheeler were the winners of the raffle prizes

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor, District 13

District XIV

Hidalgo Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley met in March with 29 present. Two new members joined the Club. Don Higgins gave a report of the very successful 15th Annual Coin and Collectible Show held in Pharr on February 8. Over 400 attended the one-day show. The date for 2004 has already been set for February 7 at the same location. A report was given about our long time treasurer and member Annette Fortson. She is recuperating from open heart surgery. Rod Bates gave a report on a medal

set that is being struck to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Port Isabel, Texas. After refreshments, a large auction was conducted by Ed Miedema. Ed is a Winter Texan member of the club and is from South Dakota.
Submitted by Helen Snider, Club Secretary.

District XV

Beaumont Coin Club

The January meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club was presided over by President George Fortune. After officer reports and announcements of upcoming shows, it was announced that the balance of the donated books would be auctioned at the next meeting. Dale Richie was announced as the bourse chairman for the fall show and a discussion was held on ways to increase membership Committee memberships for the year were announced and a request was put out for a March program presenter. The program for the night was given by Jerry Williams and Barbara Edwards on the FUN show.

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (Internet Report)

Our January 2nd meeting was held at the County Clinic Building adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. We had 9 members in attendance with no visitors present. Jerry Williams gave the program of the month on Error Coins. The presentation concentrated on the modern error coins. Jerry explained the various major error coins that were produced by the U.S. Mint and showed examples of a few. Jerry's examples included the 1955 double die obverse Lincoln Cent, the 1937D 3-Legged Buffalo Nickel, the 1942, 2 over 1 Mercury Dime, a 1963 Double Die Reverse Lincoln Cent, 1938 D/D and D/S Buffalo Nickels, and a 1997 uncladded copper Half Dollar. Jerry also showed some fakes that have been passed as genuine coins. They included a 1922 "no D" Lincoln Cent, a 1943 copper penny (steel dipped in copper), and an 1883 "V" Nickel dipped in gold and passed as a $5 gold piece.

Our February 6th meeting was held at the County Clinic Building adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport. We had 13 members in attendance with no visitors present. Barbara gave a report on the FUN Show in Orlando Florida. She said that it was a great success and that it was the size of the Summer ANA show with approximately 500 dealers. There were around-the-clock auctions and people were investing in high-dollar coins
Ray Gannaway began a discussion on security at Coin Shows. He urged everyone to be aware of their surroundings when walking around the bourse floor, and to be extra careful when traveling home from the show. Some crooks gain entrance to coin shows and make a living off of watching the patrons then following them to an unsecured location to rob or burglarize them. The latest edition of the TNA News has an excellent article on Security at Coin Shows that is well worth the reading

Barbara Williams gave a program on Susan B Anthony Susan Brownell Anthony was born February 15, 1820 in Massachusetts She was a pioneer in women's rights, and dedicated fifty years of her life to the Women's Suffrage movement along with fellow reformer Elizabeth Stanton She was considered a liberal Quaker who opposed liquor, slavery and the discrimination of women. She founded the Women's Loyal League, and began recruiting women to campaign on legal rights In 1869 Anthony and Stanton founded the National American Woman Suffrage Association and "The Revolution" Newspaper In the 1872 election, Anthony cast an illegal vote for which she was arrested, jailed and refused to pay the $100 fine. Susan B. Anthony died in 1906, but her efforts proved successful when, by 1920, the 19th Amendment of the Constitution was ratified, giving all women the right to vote

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Jefferson County Clinic Building, 7965 Viterbo Rd adjacent to the Southeast Texas Regional Airport ALL VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Silsbee Coin Club (club newsletter)

The January meeting of the Silsbee Coin Club was presided over by President Paula Simmons. The new slate of officers was presented and approved unanimously. After officer reports and announcements of upcoming shows, a brief report on progress of the fall show was given by Jerry Williams. Jerry Williams and Barbara Edwards gave a report on the FUN show and Emery Ledoux presented the program on the top ten mistakes made by beginning collectors and how to avoid them A short auction closed the meeting.

District XVII

Waco Coin Club (Wacoinews—club newsletter)

The January meeting of the Waco Coin Club had 39 members and guests present. After officer reports, a report was given on the coin display. It is being placed at different banks in the area and is receiving many accolades. Reports on the upcoming show were given including advertising. The idea of having a club swap night was discussed and it was decided to try this in lieu of an auction at the May meeting. The member show and tell had retailer's tokens, Texas currency and other items shown. Raffle and door prizes closed the meeting.

The February meeting had 36 members present. After officer reports, a report was given on the coin display the upcoming show were given including advertising. The members were briefed on the upcoming TNA elections and told that Joe Olson is running for President and Paul Garner for Secretary. Raffle and door prizes closed the meeting.

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